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HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 13th October, 2025

No.6424–EC-CON-COE-0064-2025/Elec.– The following Notification issued by the Election Commission of India, New Delhi is hereby published in the Extraordinary Issue of *Odisha Gazette* for general information.

By Order
R.S. GOPALAN
Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.576/EXIT/2025/SDR/Vol.I **Dated: 13th October, 2025**

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the schedule for the current **general election to the Legislative Assembly of Bihar and bye-elections to 8 Assembly Constituencies in 7 States (as per annexure)** has been announced by the Election Commission vide **Press Notes No.ECI/PN/316/2025 and No.ECI/PN/317/2025 both dated 6th October, 2025;** and

2. Whereas, Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (in short R.P. Act, 1951) specifies that "(1) *No person shall conduct any exit poll and publish or publicise by means of the print or electronic media or disseminate in any other manner, whatsoever,*

the result of any exit poll during such period, as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), Election Commission shall, by a general order, notify the date and time having due regard to the following, namely: -

(a) in case of a general election, the period may commence from the beginning of the hours fixed for poll on the first day of poll and continue till half an hour after closing of the poll in all the States and Union territories;

(b) In case of a bye-election or a number of bye-elections held together, the period may commence from the beginning of the hours fixed for poll on and from the first day of poll and continue till half an hour after closing of the poll;

Provided that in case of a number of bye-elections held together on different days, the period may commence from the beginning of the hours fixed for poll on the first day of poll and continue till half an hour after closing of the last poll.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both."

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between **7:00 A.M on 6th November, 2025 (Thursday) and 6:30 PM on 11th November, 2025 (Tuesday)** as the period during which conducting and publishing or publicizing exit poll by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the aforesaid General and bye elections, shall be prohibited.

4. It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act,1951, displaying any election matter including results of **any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of the poll in connection with the aforesaid General and bye-elections.**

By order,

Sd/-

(S.B. Joshi)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Annexure

Sl. No.	Name of State	Assembly Constituency No. & Name
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	27-Budgam
2.		77-Nagrota
3.	Rajasthan	193-Anta
4.	Jharkhand	45-Ghatsila (ST)
5.	Telangana	61-Jubilee Hills
6.	Punjab	21-Tarn Taran
7.	Mizoram	02-Dampa (ST)
8.	Odisha	71-Nuapada

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